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AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents
Washington DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed June 19, 2002, please amend the claims as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 7, 23, 25-28, 30, 36 and 40 as follows:

1. (Amended Three Times) A method for identifying a segregating single point mutation at a genetic locus that modifies an index phenotype in a non-human index inbred strain, the segregating mutation causing an outlying phenotype relative to the index phenotype, the method comprising the steps of:

outcrossing at least one male animal of a non-human founder inbred strain to at least one female animal of a non-human index inbred strain to obtain F1 progeny, the founder inbred strain carrying random point mutations relative to a wild-type animal of the founder inbred strain, the index inbred strain carrying a congenic dominant allele at a locus known to confer the index phenotype and being genetically distinguishable from the founder inbred strain,

identifying one or more F₁ individuals displaying an outlying phenotype relative to the